

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed January 25, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Reifman, et al.* ("Reifman," U.S. Pat. No. 5,917,615). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As indicated above, each of Applicant's independent claims has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in a previous form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Turning to the merits of the claims and the Reifman reference, Applicant notes that, as per independent claim 1, Reifman at least does not teach configuring the scanned data on the data transmitting device so as to require recipient-end security such that "machine-specific security data that identifies a data receiving device to which the scanned data will be transmitted is verified prior to enabling access to the transmitted data" or determining on the data receiving device if the transmitted data may be accessed by "verifying the machine-specific security data". Instead, Reifman speaks of attaching a digital signature to a fax transmission to verify that the fax data has not been tampered with during transmission or attaching an instruction requiring entry of a recipient password.

Regarding independent claim 15, Reifman at least does not teach means for configuring scanned data representative of a hard copy document so as to require verification of "machine-specific security data that identifies a data receiving device to which the scanned data will be transmitted" or means for determining if the scanned data may be accessed at the recipient end that "verifies the machine-specific security information" for reasons described above.

Regarding independent claim 20, Reifman at least does not teach sender-end logic configured to configure data scanned by the data transmitting device so as to require verification of "machine-specific security data that identifies a data receiving device to which the scanned data will be transmitted" or recipient-end logic configured to "verify the machine-specific security information of the data receiving device" for reasons described above.

Regarding independent claim 25, Reifman at least does not teach logic configured to add security information to the scanned data that is to be used as a reference against at least one of recipient-specific security information that identifies a recipient who wishes to access the scanned data and machine-specific security information that identifies a data receiving device to which the scanned data will be transmitted. Although Reifman describes adding a digital signature or an instruction to check a password, Reifman does not actually describe addition of information "to be used as a reference against" recipient-specific or machine-specific security information.

Regarding independent claim 29, Reifman at least does not teach logic configured to verify recipient biometric information prior to enabling access to the data. Specifically, Reifman is silent to "biometric information".

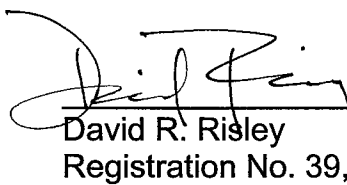
II. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 5, 10, 11, 14, 26, 28, and 30 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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